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TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATIONS

1. THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THREE CUBAN NATIONALS PRESENTLY IN VENEZUELA MAY HAVE PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE ASSASSINATION OF JOHN F. KENNEDY AND ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS AGAINST FIDEL CASTRO. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, LOUIS STOKES, HAS ASKED FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP INTERVIEWS FOR TWO OF HIS STAFF INVESTIGATORS WITH ORLANDO BOSCH, LUIS POSADA, AND LUIS PENA. THE FIRST TWO OF COURSE ARE IN PRISON IN CONNECTION WITH THE CUBANA CRASH IN OCTOBER 1976; THE THIRD IS APPARENTLY AN INDUSTRIALIST RESIDING IN CARACAS. THE INVESTIGATORS, AL GONZALEZ AND GAETON FONZI, WOULD LIKE TO CONDUCT THESE

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INTERVIEWS BETWEEN JUNE 1-6.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT CONSENT OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE THESE INTERVIEWS ARE CARRIED OUT. ASSUMING GOV AGREEMENT OBTAINED, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO TRY TO LOCATE AND CONTACT LUIS PENA, SEEK HIS COOPERATION, AND FIND OUT IF AND WHEN

HE COULD MEET WITH STAFF INVESTIGATORS BETWEEN JUNE 1 AND  
6. IF THE PRISON AUTHORITIES WILL ALLOW IT, IT WOULD  
ALSO BE DESIRABLE FOR EMBOFFS TO MEET WITH BOSCH AND  
POSADA TO URGE THEM TO COOPERATE WITH THE COMMITTEE.  
VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE TO SCHEDULE ANY INTER-  
VIEWS WITH THEM. COMMITTEE HAS NO OBJECTION TO REPRESENTA-  
TIVES OF THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT BEING PRESENT AT THE  
INTERVIEWS IF THEY SO DESIRE.

3. PROJECTED FONZI AND GONZALEZ TRAVEL SCHEDULE IS AS  
FOLLOWS:

A. DEPART GUAYAQUIL ECUATORIANA 1032 7:30 A.M. THURSDAY  
JUNE 1, ARRIVING CARACAS 1:45 P.M.

B. DEPART CARACAS VIASA 960 7:00 P.M. TUESDAY, JUNE 6  
FOR RETURN TO U.S.

C. FYI PROPOSED TRAVEL TO ECUADOR MAY 29-JUNE 1 IS FOR  
PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING A FOURTH CUBAN NATIONAL REGARD-  
ING KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. END FYI.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO REPORT RESPONSES OF GOV AND  
NAMED INDIVIDUALS TO DEPARTMENT ASAP, SO THAT WE CAN  
INFORM HOUSE COMMITTEE ACCORDINGLY. VANCE  
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